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**Former corrections officer charged with insurance fraud
*Ordered to make restitution to insurer after falsifying documents***

FRANKFORT, KY (July 2, 2009) – An altered receipt for \$3,965 was at the center of a recent insurance fraud case investigated by the Kentucky Department of Insurance (DOI) Fraud Investigation Division and will cost the former Louisville corrections officer who submitted it more than \$13,000 in fines, restitution and court costs.

In November 2004, Robert L. Whiteside, then a corrections officer with the Louisville Metro Corrections Department, submitted the receipt to State Farm Fire and Casualty Company, claiming chrome rims and tires had been stolen from his home during a burglary. State Farm reimbursed him for the loss.

At a jury trial in April 2009, Whiteside was found guilty of one felony count of insurance fraud. During an appearance last month in Jefferson Circuit Court, he was sentenced to two years, probated for five years. In addition, he must pay court costs of \$130; a \$15 per month probation supervision fee; \$3,965 in restitution to State Farm; a fine of \$7,930 (or two times the amount received due to the fraudulent act), and \$806 to the DOI Fraud Investigations Division for investigative expenses. Whiteside will be charged a collection fee and interest until the restitution is paid.

"We often say crime doesn't pay, and this is a perfect example," said DOI Commissioner Sharon P. Clark. "This act of fraud turned out to be much more costly than the \$3,965 he originally received from the company."

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